

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

MARCH 11, 2010

Chairperson and Members
Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AND AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT SIX LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROJECTS:

- 1.) RFP LIP10-1 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATERSHED FOREST PROTECTION FENCING AT KAHIKINUI, MAUI TO THE TRI-ISLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.;
- 2.) RFP LIP10-2 FOR KOA FOREST RESTORATION, LEEWARD HALEAKALA, MAUI TO THE TRI-ISLE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.;
- 3.) RFP LIP10-3 FOR NORTH KONA FENCING AND HABITAT RESTORATION TO THE HAWAIIAN SILVERSWORD FOUNDATION, INC.;
- 4.) RFP LIP10-4 LOWER PEAHINAIA ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION TO 'OHU'OHU KO'OLAU, INC.;
- 5.) RFP LIP10-5 WAINIHA PRESERVE UNGULATE MANAGEMENT TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF HAWAII;
- 6.) RFP LIP10-6 FOR RESTORATION OF HAWAIIAN DRY FORESTS TO THE HAWAIIAN SILVERSWORD FOUNDATION, INC.;

SUMMARY: This Board Submittal approves the expenditure of funds and authorizes the Chairperson to negotiate and sign contracts to implement the Landowner Incentive Program projects, subject to the certification of availability of funds and approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Land and Natural Resources published six Requests for Proposals, Nos. LIP 10-1, LIP 10-2, LIP 10-3, LIP 10-4, LIP 10-5 and LIP 10-6, on December 28, 2009 on the State Procurement Office website. Projects are supported in full by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) to fund State landowner assistance programs that provide financial assistance to private landowners to enhance, protect, or restore habitats that benefit federally listed, proposed, or candidate endangered species, or other at-risk species on private lands.

DLNR agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service specify the locations, project deliverables and that contracts will be negotiated with organizations authorized by the landowner to implement the projects. Attached is a brief summary of the awarded proposals and the Notice of Award dated January 26, 2010.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS:

Contracts will be negotiated with the identified organizations to implement the projects according to the scope of work outlined in the successful proposals.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board authorizes:

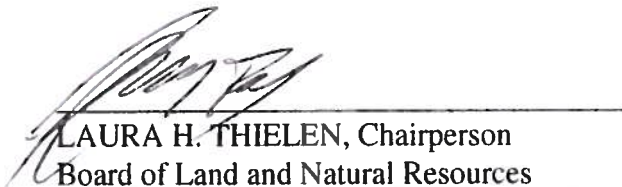
- 1) The expenditure of federal funds in the following amounts which total approximately \$1,050,727:
 - LIP 10-1 \$500,000 to Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.
 - LIP 10-2 \$210,277 to Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.
 - LIP 10-3 \$176,450 to Hawaiian Silversword Foundation, Inc.
 - LIP 10-4 \$62,000 to `Ohu`Ohu Ko`olau
 - LIP 10-5 \$66,000 to The Nature Conservancy
 - LIP 10-6 \$36,000 to Hawaiian Silversword Foundation, Inc.
- 2) The Chairperson to negotiate and sign contracts to implement the Landowner Incentive Program Projects, approval as to form by the Attorney General's Office.
- 3) Subject to the availability of funds and budget restrictions and procedures implemented under the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Executive Biennium Budget Restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,



PAUL J. CONRY, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Attachment A: Summary-Awarded Landowner Incentive Program Projects
Attachment B: Notice of Award Landowner Incentive Program Projects

SUMMARY – Landowner Incentive Program Proposals

RFP Number/ Proposal Title Description	Proposal Amount	Contracting Entity
<i>RFP LIP 10-1 / Construction of watershed forest protection fencing at Kahikinui, Maui</i> Protect approximately 1500 acres of Department of Hawaiian Homelands land that provides Essential Recovery Habitat for 10 endangered plant species. Design and install approximately six (6) miles of deer and ungulate proof fence on Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) land to protect high value dry and mesic forest areas. The target area will include portions of TMK 219001007. Work with the DHHL community residents to assure the design and installation plans are coordinated with other community planning efforts.	\$500,000	Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development, Inc.
<i>RFP LIP 10-2 /Koa forest restoration, Leeward Haleakala, Maui</i> Delineate and ground truth a 7700 acre restoration unit for habitat restoration in native koa forest areas that will encompass critical habitat for 10 endangered plant species and five endangered bird species. Complete and EA for habitat restoration in Leeward Haleakala watershed. Conduct public outreach and education on Leeward Haleakala watershed issues. Solicit and implement community volunteer and organizational support. Design and conduct the first phase of a long-term inventory and monitoring strategy for rare plant species, canopy cover, invasive weeds, and birds to begin documentation of the results of restoration work.	\$210,277	Tri-Isle Resource Conservation & Development, Inc
<i>RFP LIP 10-3 / North Kona Fencing and Habitat Restoration</i> Work with private landowner(s) to design and construct a portion of fence to protect endangered species in degraded mamane forest areas in North Kona. Protect up to 6,000 acres of degraded mamane forest to allow for effective feral animal control. Conduct public outreach and education on North Kona watershed issues.	\$176,450	Hawaiian Silversword Foundation
<i>RFP LIP 10-4 / Lower Peahinaia Ecosystem Protection</i> Removal of feral pigs from approximately 100 acres of native forest and habitat at Peahinaia in the Koolau Mountains Watershed Protection of 100 acres of existing habitat to provide an outplanting site for rare and endangered species . Monitor native and non-native species and implement a comprehensive threat management program.	\$62,000	Ohu Ohu Koolau, Inc.
<i>RFP LIP 10-5 /Wainiha Preserve Ungulate Management</i> Remove feral pigs from approximately 3,000 acres of lowland native wet forest and habitat for endangered species or species of concern. Document feral ungulate movement and numbers in order to identify areas for strategic fencing to prevent ingress by ungulates. Monitor threats such as rats to protect native plants and seabird nesting areas in order to determine future control plans.	\$66,000	The Nature Conservancy
<i>RFP LIP 10-6/ Restoration of Hawaiian Dry Forests</i> Collect and propagate common and endangered plant species in sufficient numbers to ensure self-sustaining populations. Enhance existing habitat and establish additional suitable habitat for the endangered Blackburn's sphinx moth (<i>Manduca blackburni</i>). Control alien vegetation and ungulates in fenced management units. Create in-situ seed source for endangered plant species.	\$36,000	Hawaiian Silversword Foundation

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**NOTICE OF AWARD
in response to Requests for Proposals**

**No. LIP 10-1
No. LIP 10-2
No. LIP 10-3
No. LIP 10-4
No. LIP 10-5
No. LIP 10-6**

for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funds for the Landowner Incentive Program

Award of contracts is contingent upon receipt of funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and subject to potential budget restrictions and procedures implemented under the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Executive Biennium Budget Instructions.

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Laura H. Thielen, Chief Procurement Officer, DLNR

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Date